(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether backlog in recruitments and promotions in all the Banks are cleared in respect of SC/ST candidates; and

(d) what special measures have been taken to fill up the backlog in higher scales?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have not issued instructions for providing office accommodation with or without the ancillary facilities to any of the Unions/Associations including Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe Welfare Associations.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Except in Syndicate Bank on the basis of the Supreme Court judgement and a few banks where there are seniority based promotions up to scale-III promotions within officers cadres of the banks are selection based and therefore, do not attract reservations for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

Inclusion of SC/ST Associations in Policy making bodies

3721. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether SC/ST employees Associations in Banks have not been recognised by Government, if so, the reasons therefore; and

(b) what steps have been taken to include representatives of SC/ST Association in the policy making bodies of banks as is being done in case of general associations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As a policy, no association of employees based on caste, creed, religion, etc. is recognised.

(b) All the public sector banks and financial institutions have been advised to associate, with the process of negotiations on service matters of bank employees, on SC/ST officer of adequate seniority, if available in the bank. If such a suitable SC/ST officer is not available, the banks could associate the Liaison Officer for SCs and STs in the bank for the purpose.

Opposition to Indian Association for Soft Loan from Asian Development Bank

3722. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States has opposed India's application to the Asian Development Bank for soft loan facility; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Asian Development Fund Donors' discussions on replenishment of ADF-VI (soft loan) for the period 1992--1995 were concluded in the meeting held in London on 9-10 December, 1991. Given the needs of traditional ADF recipients and other eligible borrowers and the limited size of funds available, the donors which included United States concluded that it would not be possible to make ADF resources available to India during ADF-VI period.

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद और सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड का पुनर्गठन

3723. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केंद्रीय उत्पाद और सीमा शुल्क बोर्ड का पुनर्गठन किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो प्रस्तावित पुनर्गठन योजना की मुख्य-मुख्य विशेषताएं क्या हैं ;

(ग) इस संबंध में अंतिम निर्णय कब तक ले लिए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(घ) इसके परिणामस्वरूप सरकार को कितना लाभ मिलेगा ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामेश्वर ठाकुर) : (क) जी नहीं ।

(क) से (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Promotion of LDCs, UDCs and Stenos

3724. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of LDCs, UDCs and Steno Grade-III of group C who get promotion as per the O.M.F. No. 10(1)/E.III/88, dated the 13th September, 1991;

(b) whether Government propose to promote LDCs, UDCs and Steno Grade-III directly recruited as on 1st January, 1970 on the same basis;

(c) whether the Fourth Pay Commission had suggested review of time-bound promotion on the same basis for Post and Telegraph Staff; and

(d) whether directly recruited staff as on 1st January, 1970 is likely to be considered for promotion on the same basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Each Ministry/Department is empowered to make promotions in terms of Ministry of Finance O.M. No. 10(1)E.III/88 dated 13th September, 1991. No centralised information in respect of such promotions made is maintained.

(b) It is for the individual Ministries/Departments etc. under whom such of the LDCs, UDCs and Steno Grade III who were directly recruited as on 1-1-70 are working to determine whether they fulfil the conditions laid down in O.M. No. 10(1)E.III/88 dated 13th September, 1991 for promotions in-situ.

(c) While dealing with the general question of promotion policy, the Commission had observed that it may not be possible to lay down a rigid formulation as to the number of promotions which an employee should have in his career and the length of service which should qualify for such time bound promotion. The Commission had however, suggested that the impact of the scheme for time bound promotion introduced in Post and Telegraph Departments should be carefully assessed both in terms of improvement of proomtion prospects for the cadres concerned and operational efficiency of the Departments so that demands for further extension of the scheme may be properly dealt with.

(d) As in (b) above.

Action against banks and institutions involved in securities Scam

3725. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have attached all the properties, and frozen the bank accounts of some institutions and banks which are alleged to be involved in securities scam;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to protect the interests of small investors/depositors and also that of employees of such institutions which have almost ceased to function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Properties, movable, immovable or both belonging to 40 persons/companies, as per list at statement attached (*see* below), whose names have been notified by the Custodian, in terms of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Special Court (Trial of Offences Relating to Transactions in Securities) Ordinance, 1992 stand attached simultaneously with the issue of respective notifications under the provisions of sub-section (3) of Section 3.

(c) Bank of Karad Ltd., has been placed under provisional liquidation as per the orders of the Bombay High Court. Arrangements were made for payment of a maximum amount of Rs.